

#### PHAP18-00016

**Date:** May 21, 2018

Application Type:Certificate of AppropriatenessProperty Owner:Randy, Linda, and Austin Trotter

**Representative:** Randy Trotter

Legal Description: 32 Manhattan Heights 32 & 33, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Historic District: Manhattan Heights Location: 2733 Gold Avenue

Representative District: #2

**Existing Zoning:** R-3/H (Residential/Historic)

*Year Built:* 1915

Historic Status: Contributing

**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness for painting the brick façade after-the-fact

 Application Filed:
 4/7/2018

 45 Day Expiration:
 6/14/2018

## **ITEM #3**



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The applicant seeks approval for:

Certificate of Appropriateness for painting the brick façade after-the-fact

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Historic Preservation Office recommends DENIAL of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

The Design Guidelines for El Paso's Historic Districts, Sites, and Properties recommend the following:

- Painting or applying coatings such as cement or stucco to exposed masonry/stone
  is not appropriate because it will change the historic appearance of the
  masonry/stone feature, and can accelerate deterioration. Previously painted
  surfaces that were painted prior to designation or with a permit may remain painted.
- It is not appropriate to paint, stucco or spray texture brick, stone, or other historic materials.
- It is not appropriate to paint brick, stone, copper, bronze, concrete, or cement block surfaces that were historically unpainted.
- Masonry should be cleaned with the gentlest possible method available such as low pressure water with detergents and scrubbing with natural bristle brushes. Chemicals used to remove paint come in a variety of application methods from "spray on -peel off" to "paint on-wash off."
- High pressure washes are not recommended because porous masonry units and mortar may be damaged or washed away. Sandblasting is NEVER recommended as it will permanently damage the masonry.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation recommend the following:

- Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the
  severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new
  feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials.
  Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and
  physical evidence.
- Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.

### **AERIAL MAP**



# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



